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REMARKS

Applicant's invention is set forth in the pending claims.

In the Official Action mailed May 20, 2004, the Examiner requires a new title which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Upon reviewing the Examiner's requirement, the claims and the disclosure, applicant provides herein a new title which is believed more closely to correspond to the subject matter recited in the claims.

The Examiner further objects to claims 1-3, noting a typographical error in claim 1 and suggesting insertion of a phrase ("reproduction of said main data") after the term "executing" at line 1 of each of claims 2 and 3.

The present amendment follows each of these suggestions of the Examiner.

Upon entry of the amendment, the bases for objection to the claims will have been overcome.

Additionally, upon reviewing the claims, it is apparent that claim 4 relates to reproduction apparatus, as do each of the pending claims. The apparatus executes reproduction of the main data in accordance with various features of the invention. Accordingly, claim 4 is amended to correct inadvertent reference therein to a "means for executing decoding of said main data" in order properly to refer to a "means for executing ~~decoding~~ reproduction of said main data".

Upon review of the claim language, applicant further amends the claims as follows. More particularly, applicant requests identifying the inventive apparatus as providing reproduction protection with a video data encoding method using a DCT

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(Discrete Cosine Transform) method of an MPEG algorithm, as now added to the recitation of lines 2-3 of claim 1.

It is noted that support for the added recitation at lines 2-3 is found throughout the specification. Examples of such support are illustrated by the second full paragraph of page 7, which assumes that "that the original video and audio signals have been encoded by high-efficiency compression encoding using the MPEG1 algorithm" and by lines 8-14 of page 17, which disclose that "With the MPEG1 algorithm, a block size of 8 x 8 picture elements is used in the DCT processing". Moreover, support is illustrated by the disclosure at page 18, lines 15-16 which notes that "With a video data encoding method such as the DCT method, the output digital signal that is produced from the inverse DCT circuit" and by the description at page 15, lines 10-13 which clarifies that "DCT" is a "discrete cosine transform".

It is courteously submitted that, inasmuch as the amendment provided herein does not add new matter and is supported by the specification, even cursory review of the amendatory language will suffice to demonstrate the propriety of the amendment as well as patentability of the amended claims.

The Action also rejects the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,329 B1 and its 34 other continuations.

As to the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,329 B1 and its continuations, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith, thereby to overcome the rejection.

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Having thus eliminated or overcome all bases for rejection of or objection to the application or any of its components, and in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

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